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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CANCELLATION OF JUBAYL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

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1. AS EARLY AS APRIL 1976 RUMORS CIRCULATED THAT THE SAG WAS ABANDONING MANY OF THE LARGE PROJECTS IN THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT SOME SAUDI GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS WERE ADVOCATING THIS. EMBASSY CHECKED THIS OUT WITH MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SEE PAGE 4 OF TRADE OUTLOOK REPORT A-59 DATED 5/18/76). ALL RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS HAVE DISCLAIMED THE NOTION OF A CUTBACK BUT STATE THAT SOME PRIORITIES WOULD BE RE-SET. HOWEVER, INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WOULD HAVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. REGARDING JUBAYL THE 3 PORTS, INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY HAVE BEEN TENDERED AND WON. HYUNDAL HAS THE JUBAYL INDUSTRIAL PORT CONTRACT WORTH OVER \$900 MILLION IN WHICH BROWN AND ROOT IS PARTICIPATING.

2. WE CANNOT POINT TO ANY RECENT DECISION BY THE SAG WHICH COULD MOTIVATE THE STORY UNLESS IT IS A MISINTERPRETATION OF DOWN-PLAYING PETROMIN INVOLVEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ELECTRICITY AND ALSO THE CREATION OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION FOR JUBAYL AND YENBO.

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